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Dance Lessons Are Part Of The Cultural Benefits Of The Festival



Signs Welcome Tribal Members Home

Family, fun, food on tap for Potawatomi Festival

At Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee, planning and preparations for the Second Annual

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Heritage Festival are underway. "The first Potawatomi Festival was a

huge success. Since last year we have heard from a great many of our members who came to the first Festival. They are eager to come back because Festival 2000 will be even more interesting and enjoyable. Equally exciting is the news from so many Citizen Potawatomi who plan to come for the first time for Festival and the family reunions," said John Rocky Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman.

The reunion tents for eight of the original 40 Potawatomi families who made the move from Kansas to the Oklahoma reservation in the late 1860's were a very popular part of the 1999 festival. In 2000, these eight families will celebrate Potawatomi Festival reunions: Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin and Yott.

"While these families will participate in the eight featured reunions at the

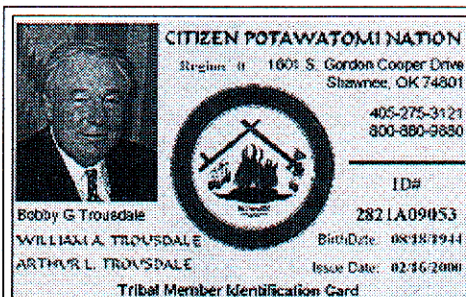
2000 festival," said Linda Capps, Potawatomi vice chairman, "we will assist other Potawatomi families who wish to hold gatherings during the Festival."

Those families wanting to schedule unofficial reunions should contact Citizen Potawatomi headquarters to begin preparations.

Reaction indicates that the reunions were a special part of the 1999 Festival. Carmelita Wamego Skeeter, Vivian Wamego Murphy, and Jeanine Wamego Van Veen wrote, "(We truly enjoyed) meeting cousins we had never met before. We believe this wouldn't have happened if the big intertribal pow wow had taken place. There would have been too many people.

"As far as the Anderson descendants felt, it was great," wrote Christine (Anderson) Carlile and Edith Anderson.

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Gene Bruno
Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno

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New Tribal ID Cards

New photo ID cards are now available for Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members. The front and back of Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale's card are reproduced here to show what they look like. See the story on page 7 for details on how to obtain one of the cards.

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Walking on ...

D.W. Wolfe

Shawnee resident D.W. Wolfe died Saturday, January 29, 2000 in Shawnee. He was 86.

He was born August 22, 1913 in Sacred Heart to William Jacob Wolfe and Martha (Curley) Wolfe. He married Elsie Mae Clark in 1938. Wolfe worked in the oil fields until 1964, and he then moved to Kansas City, Kansas, and worked for Columbian Steel Co. He lived in Shawnee since 1974, and prior to that he lived in Kansas City, Kansas.

After moving to Shawnee in 1974, he began working for the OG&E Hand in Hand program. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and was active in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's affairs.

Survivors include his sons, Glen Doris Wolfe, Tommy Lynn Wolfe, Rickey Lee Wolfe, all of Oklahoma City, William Edward Wolfe, Eufaula, and Dallas Ray Wolfe, Kansas City, Kansas; daughters, Jeanette Groman and Judy Jones, both of Shawnee; sisters, Nettie Poyner, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Viola Cavender, Durant, and Lucille Hughes, Los Angeles, California; brother, Willie Wolfe, Fayetteville, Arkansas; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sons, Larry Joe Wolfe and Stephen Dwayne Wolfe; one grandson, Randy King Jones II; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at Resthaven

Funeral Home with the Rev. Max Packer officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Orval G. Adams

Orval G. Adams, 89, Blue Springs, Missouri, passed away Thursday, January 13, 2000. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at Charter Funerals/ Earp & Sons Chapel, 5000 Blue Ridge Cut-Off, Kansas City, Missouri; burial was held at Floral Hills Cemetery.

He was retired from Armco Steel, past Master of Raytown Masonic Lodge 391 A.F. & A.M., past President of Woodmen's of the World, and on the tribal rolls of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Eleanor Tye; two sisters, and one brother. Survivors include his wife, Eileen Adams; son, Layton Lentz; daughter, Stella Koch; brothers, Louis Adams, and Frank Adams, sister, Violet Campbell; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson, 78, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2000, in Fresno, California. Andrew was born September 20, 1921 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma and lived with his family on their allotment at Shawnee until 1932 when they moved to California. He was a 67 year resident of Sanger, California.

He was the son of David P. and Kate (Fansler) Johnson, and the great-grandson of Louis Vieux. Andrew served in the Army during WWII. He was a 32-year employee of Contel of California. He held the position of project inspector when he retired.

Andrew is survived by his wife Guila, a son Terry of O'Fallon, Missouri and a daughter Dianne Briscoe of Fresno, California, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are his brothers Richard V. Johnson of Sanger, CA and David P. Johnson of Auberry, CA, and 2 sisters, Donice Kine of Portland, OR, and Doris Aalto of Reedley, CA. Andrew was preceded in death by his son Andrew Dale Johnson, his brothers James, Charles, Robert and Darrel and his sisters, Sarah and Ruby. Private cremation services were held and the Rite of Passage was performed by his Potawatomi friends and relatives.

Delbert Dike

Delbert Dike died Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at his home in North Richland Hills, Texas. He was 86.

He was born April 29, 1913, in Wanette. Dike was raised in Wanette and spent much of his adult life in the Bay Area of California. He was a pipe fitter for the oil industry and retired from Standard Oil of California. He

returned to Oklahoma after retiring. He was instrumental in the creation of the "Wanette-Trousdale Area Veterans who served their country" memorial.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Thrillkill Dike; son, Rondy Dike; daughter, Jan Baker; brother, Thurman Dike; grandchildren, Peggy Cushman, Tamara Nagel, Jana Simpson, Greg Nagel, Oydis Dike, Jennifer Dike and Ren Dike; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2000 at Wanette Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Bill Matthews of Liberty Baptist Church in Shawnee officiating under the direction of Shannon Rufe Snow Drive Funeral Chapel, Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert Joseph "Bob" Lehman

Robert Joseph "Bob" Lehman, Konawa, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000 in Ada. He was 55.

Lehman was born on August 12, 1944, in Sacred Heart Community, to Bill and Cecilia Lehman. He married Diana Lynn on May 30, 1983, in Konawa. He was an oil well driller.

Lehman was preceded in death by his mother, Cecilia Lehman; and a brother, Billy Ray Lehman. Survivors include his wife, Diana Lehman, of the home; son, Bobby Joe Lehman, Bowlegs; daughter, Kasey Rae Lehman, of the home; father, Bill Lehman, Konawa; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Tom and Kay Lehman, Byars; David Lehman, Konawa; a sister, Matilda Silas, Konawa; and two grand-

children.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. February 11, 2000 at Pickard Funeral Home Chapel in Konawa. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2000 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery, with Fr. Mathew Brown, O.S.B., officiating.

William W. Melott

William W. Melott, 66, died Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at the VA Hospital in Dallas.

He was born July 4, 1933, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Frank T. and Goldie Allen Melott. He was reared in Shawnee where he attended school. He was a graduate of Corpus Christi High School.

In 1953 he entered the U.S. Army, serving in England and Germany. He was discharged in 1961 and returned to Corpus Christi. He began working in the news printing business. He moved to Corsicana and later to Dallas. He retired in 1991 from the Dallas Times Herald where he was a plate maker. In January 1987 he was married to Rosalie Richardson. After their marriage they moved to Bristol. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, of Bristol; a son, Gary W. Melott, of Port Isabel; a daughter, Sherrie Sager, of Weatherford; a brother, Franklin T. Melott, Jr., of Noble, Oklahoma; three sisters, Irene Ryser and Dorothy Kasporwick, both of Sun City, Arizona, and Margaret Byers, of Arlington, Va.; and three grandchildren.

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno presents a donation of \$500 to the Shawnee Regional Hospital Foundation for the Hospital's Cancer Center. Bob Maynard, retired Shawnee Regional Administrator, and Sue Holt, Foundation Director, accept the gift.

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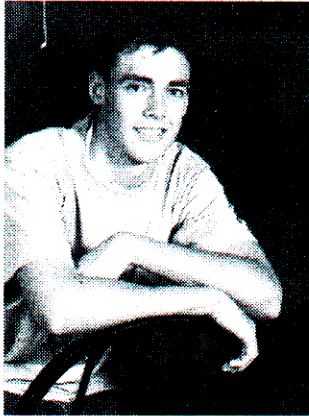
Young tribal member learns from D.C. session

(Washington, D.C.)—Jesse Anderson of Atwood, Oklahoma, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member and a student at Allen, Oklahoma, High School, attended the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) December 7-12, 1999 in Washington, D.C.

This unique leadership development program invites high school students to interact with national leaders. NYLC scholars earn the opportunity to work through many issues facing our nation today. They participate in a series of simulations and meet face-to-face with their members of Congress, or members of their staffs, and other influential people.

NYLC participants are selected based on scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership contributions.

"The National Young Leaders Conference inspires exceptional high school students like Jesse Anderson to meet the challenges of leadership head-on," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the NYLC.



They gain confidence in making positive changes in their communities and throughout the world," Lasday added.

During his week in our nation's capital, Anderson rubbed elbows with top policymakers, lawmakers, journalists, and other Washington dignitaries. Reverend Carl Washington, representative of California's 52nd Assembly District, set the tone.

"To be effective leaders, you must all recognize the obstacles that may face you," Rev. Washington told the young scholar-leaders. "It is up to you to avoid those obstacles. Remember the importance of steering clear of drugs, alcohol, and violence, while embracing faith and

community. It is vital that you travel on the straight and narrow path, because you are the future of our country."

Later in the week, Congressman Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania welcomed the students to Capitol Hill. Kanjorski told the students, "When I was in high school, I came to Washington as a page for the 83rd Congress. I fell in love with this town. If you have any public service ambitions at all, this could be the single most important week of your life. While you're here, open your mind to what is going on around you. You are among the most promising generation in the history of America. Don't allow anyone to tell you otherwise."

Because leadership goes beyond what happens on Capitol Hill, Anderson had the opportunity to interact with a panel of renowned journalists at the National Press Club. This panel included Ann Blackman of *Time*, Sam Fulwood III of the *Los Angeles Times*, Clarence Page of the *Chicago Tribune*, and Helen Thomas of *United Press International*.

The journalists and students discussed current events and the role of the

media in shaping public opinion by reporting these events.

A grant from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation helped make this experience possible for Jesse Anderson. His father, Darryl, expressed the family's thanks in a letter: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping to sponsor Jesse's attending the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. The experience was invaluable, and he learned a lot. Again, thanks. Without your help, this educational opportunity would not have been possible."

CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership educational organization. Founded in 1985, CYLC is committed to inspiring, challenging, and motivating young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

Each year, 7,000 outstanding select youth participate in twenty sessions of the NYLC. Thus far, more than 85,000 students have taken part in CYLC programs. For additional information on CYLC and NYLC, please visit CYLC's Internet website at www.cylc.org.

Golden Anniversary

Michael and Judith (Horbach) O'Connor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 26, 1999, with family and friends at a reception and buffet.

Special guests attending the reception were the O'Connors' bridal attendants, Kathleen (Mickish) Mellinger of Shawnee and Albert O'Connor of Moore. The O'Connors were married December 26, 1949, at St. Benedict Catholic Church. O'Connor was in federal service for 42 years prior to his 1989 retirement. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 25 years retiring as a chief petty officer. Mrs. O'Connor is a homemaker.

The couple has eight children, Susan Greene and Barbara O'Connor, both of Jacksonville, Florida; Laura Suellentrop (Frank) of Colwich, Kansas; Kevin O'Connor and Teresa Washburn, both of Shawnee; John O'Connor of Oklahoma City; Ardis O'Connor (Kate) of Wellington, New Zealand; and the late Tony O'Connor. They also have 10 grandchildren, Mike Washburn of Norman; Sam Washburn of Shawnee; Christopher Greene of Jacksonville, Florida; Julie, Kathy, Steven and Kevin Suellentrop of Colwich, Kansas; and Anthony, Sophia, and Evelyn O'Connor of Wellington, New Zealand, and a great-grandchild, Brooklyn Washburn of Norman.

Mrs. O'Connor is the granddaughter of Isadore DeGraff and the great-granddaughter of Frances (Navarre) DeGraff.

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Young California tribal member saves swimmer's life

(From The Times-Standard) — Michael "Mike" Jager, 13, of Eureka, California said he, too, benefited when he rescued a distressed swimmer last summer in Oregon's Rogue River. On Labor Day last year, he saw someone struggling in swift, deep river water, beckoning for help, Jager said. So he jumped into the cold water, swam out, and pulled that older teen-age boy to safety.

After the rescue, the 16-year-old boy thanked him and walked on down the river's shore, Jager said. He never learned the other boy's name, however. It happened at Indian Mary Park, about 10 miles from Grants Pass, he said. Jager, who regards himself an accomplished swimmer, said he learned some of his skills during his two years in Boy Scout Troop 54, of Eureka, California. Some

people credited that training, along with his other water activities, for his skill used in the rescue.

"It makes me feel, like, a lot more important, and I could do a lot more things to help people," Jager said, reflecting on what happened. That day, while attending a family reunion at the river, he had accompanied some relatives who also planned to swim, he said.

Several other people, also near the river, apparently saw what happened. Word spread to scouting leaders in Humboldt County and eventually to national scout leaders, sources said. Scouting leaders recognized Jager for his bravery. at an award ceremony December 6, 1999 in Eureka, California. He received a "Boy Scout Living Award." It reportedly was approved by the organization's "National High Court of Honor."

Scoutmaster Frank Jager, the boy's father, said this about his son: "It's kind of typical of Mike. If someone needs help, he's the kind of kid who will step forward and help them out." Recalling some of the events that day last summer, the younger Jager said that the teen got into trouble while swimming across the river with some friends. The others apparently

made it, but a stiff current began sweeping their friend down stream, he said.

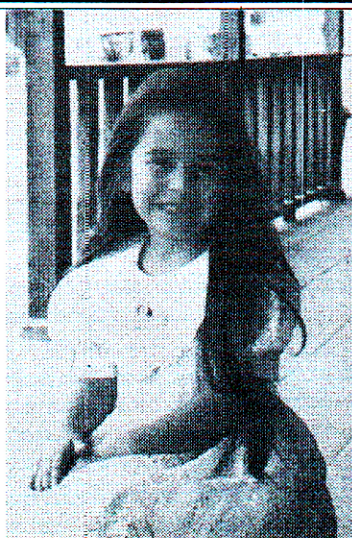
"He yelled to me, so I jumped in and grabbed his hand and pulled him to shore," Jager said, adding that the other teen was about ten feet from some rocks. "It was like really deep water, and he was kinda struggling." The rescue took only seconds, and then the other boy thanked him and just walked away, said Jager, a Winship Junior High eighth-grader. "I guess he was so startled that he almost drowned," he said.

Someday, Jager said, he hopes to become a U.S. Air Force pilot. Bill Heneks, a district scout executive for Humboldt and Del Norte counties, said the organization values high awards such as one being given to Jager. First, local volunteers review such a nomination, then they must recommend its approval to regional scouting leaders, Heneks said. And then it must be approved by the organization's national leaders in Texas.

"They evaluate it, and determine whether the young man has indeed, in the finest tradition of the program, distinguished himself," he said. "We want to make sure the integrity of the award is maintained."

Young Beauty

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, Dusty Michelle Hartsfield, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, won first runner-up honors in the Sunburst U.S.A. Beauty Pageant, which was held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Dusty is the 5-year-old great-granddaughter of Joseph Kiles Macon. She is the granddaughter of Frances Macon Hartsfield and the daughter of Jim Hartsfield, Jr., all of whom are members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Dusty has now advanced to compete for the \$10,000-plus prize package at the Sunburst U.S.A. State Finals. This event will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Renaissance North Plaza in early June 2000. She will be competing with others from around the state for the prestigious title of Miss Sunburst U.S.A.-Texas. The Sunburst U.S.A. Pageants, which awarded more than \$1-million in prizes in 1999, is celebrating its 22nd year. Dusty will be competing for one of the most trusted and coveted titles in the USA. An account has been set up at First State Bank of Three Rivers, Texas on the behalf of Miss Dusty Hartsfield. Through your donations, she will be able to compete in the various categories throughout the three-day event. You can support Dusty as a Business, Personal, or Group Sponsor. For information on the various types of sponsorships available, contact her mother, Darleen Hartsfield at 361-786-3005.



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Assists in teaching children in the classroom. Requirements: Must be at least 19 years old and one of the following: a high school diploma, a GED or be currently enrolled in high school. Must have a TB test, pass an OSBI background check, and have CPR and First Aid certification.

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This position will transport children to and from area schools. Must have valid drivers license, be able to pass a TB test and an OSBI background check. Part-time position: Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and then come back from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tribal member donates fees To WWII Memorial effort

(Vancouver, WA) – The drive to fund and build a Washington, D.C. memorial to World War II veterans is more than \$1200 to the good thanks to the efforts of Clyde Slavin, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member. And, Slavin's father Robert, who has retired to Shawnee, received a very pleasant surprise in the process.

Clyde Slavin is an optometrist at a Wal-Mart store in Vancouver, Washington. To honor his father, Clyde Slavin donated all the fees he earned on Veterans Day to the WWII memorial fund drive in his father's honor.

Robert Slavin served in the United States Navy during WWII, reaching the rank of Petty Officer. While in the Navy, Slavin taught aircraft construction.

A graduate of East Central Oklahoma State University in Ada, Robert Slavin taught wood shop, cabinet-making, and mechanical drawing at Holdenville, Oklahoma High School immediately after mustering out of the Navy.

While in Holdenville, Slavin earned a Masters Degree in education from Oklahoma State University. In 1961, the Slavin family packed and moved to Dinuba, CA. There, Robert Slavin taught wood shop, mechanical drawing, and distributive education at the high school level. Having been a basketball player at East Central, Slavin served as Athletic Director at Dinuba for two years.

After retiring in 1984, after decades of dedicated service to young people, Robert Slavin and his wife Quantilla moved to Vancouver. They re-located to Shawnee in April 1993.

In a ceremony at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Administration Building, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps surprised Robert Slavin with presentation of a certificate commemorating the WWII Memorial Fund donation.

The certificate reads: "To Honor the Sacrifices he Made to Protect his Country, in Loving Commemoration of his Leadership as a Father and Role Model, and to Acknowledge his Selfless Contributions to Generations of Students, a donation of \$1209.00 Has Been Made to the World War II Veterans Memorial Fund on Behalf of Robert Slavin, U.S. Navy Veteran."

The memorial will be built on the National Mall in Washington, between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It will be the first memorial for veterans of WWII and for the civilians on the homefront who also contributed to the Allied victory. President Bill Clinton dedicated the memorial site in a formal ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 1995.

The memorial will be funded almost entirely by private contributions. Supporters have a goal of raising \$100 million – the estimated cost of designing, building, and maintaining the memorial. The campaign has raised more than \$70 million.

Former vice president and U.S. Senator Bob Dole is chairman of the fund-raising effort. Frederick W. Smith, president and CEO of Federal Express, is fund drive co-chairman.

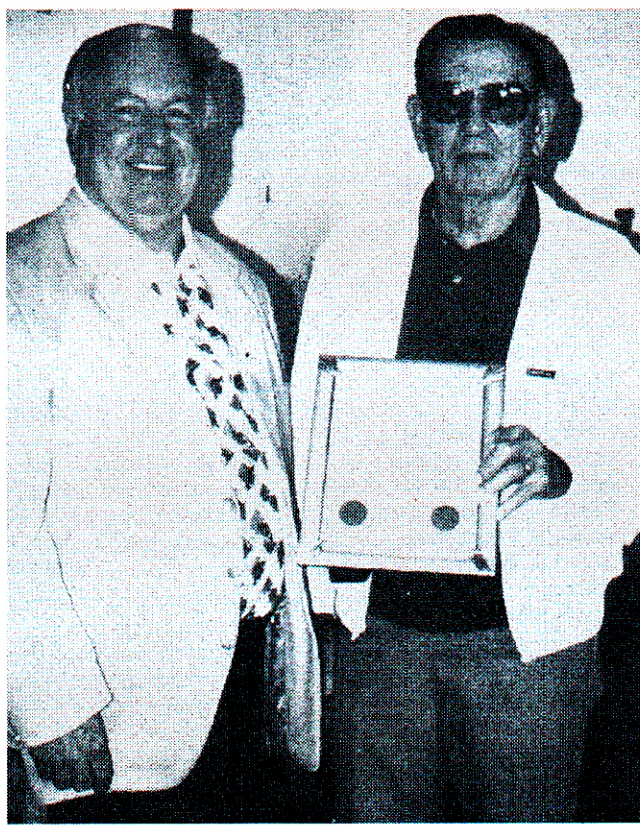
Anyone who wants to obtain more information about the fund drive or the memorial or who wants to make a donation can call 800-639-4WW2. Information and the ability to make a secure online donation are available at www.wwiimemorial.com.

Donors who contribute \$20 will receive a subscription to the *World War II Memorial Newsletter*, a certificate of appreciation, and a personal membership card. Increasing the donation to \$35 adds a World War II memorial lapel pin.

One-hundred dollar donors will receive all of those items plus a large scale, limited edition print of the memorial. The Norman Rockwell painting print *The Homecoming* is added for \$500 donors. And, those who contribute \$1,000 also receive a personal listing in the Donor Book of Remembrances, which will be widely circulated after the memorial's dedication.

The WWII memorial design honors the significant historical event it will commemorate. It is described as "an inviting and welcoming place to celebrate the American spirit that brought victory of democracy over tyranny, light over darkness."

Renderings of the memorial concept are available on the wwiimemorial.com website.



Tribal Chairman Rocky Barrett With Robert Slavin



"Generations of Service to the Potawatomi Tribe" **Vote Jerry Motley for Business Committee**

First Generation

Chief Anaquiba or Nanaquiba or Panaquiba, a full blood Indian, "Pottawatomie". Also known as the old Sachem Chief. He was Chief of the Pottawatomie Nation in the late 1700's. Lived in northern Indiana and Michigan.

Second Generation

Chief Chee-Baas or Chee-Bass, a son of Chief Anaquiba. He lived on the St. Joseph River in Michigan and the Wabash River in Indiana. Several children were born to Chief Chee-Baas. One was a daughter, Cone-Zo-Qua.

Third Generation

Daughter Cone-Zo-Qua, of Chief Chee-Baas, married Shau-Uque-Be, a Potawatomi Indian male. To this marriage, a son was born. His Indian name was Nan-Wish-Mah or In-Vash-Mah. His adopted English name was Abram B. Burnett He was a full blood Indian.

Fourth Generation

Abram B. Burnett or Nan-Wish-Ma or In-Vash-Ma was born November 1812 in a little town north of the Tippecanoe River near Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana. He married Mary Knoffloch on 16 February 1843 at Sugar Creek, now Linn County Kansas, by Rev. Felix L. Verdydt, S. J. Abram B. Burnett and family were allotted land near Topeka, Kansas. Abram died June 14, 1870, at his home near Topeka, Kansas. His burial was in section 17 S.W. of Topeka in an Indian cemetery known as the old Indian graveyard. To this marriage six children were born, Abram attended school at the Baptist Mission at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the Choctaw Academy at Blue Springs, Scott County, Kentucky.

Fifth Generation

Joseph N. Burnett, the son of Abram B. Burnett, was born the 29th of April 1856, in Shawnee County, near Topeka, Kansas. He attended school at St. Mary's Mission. Joseph W. 'Joe' Burnett married 21 April 1874, Emma Anderson in Shawnee County, Topeka, Kansas. Three children were born to this marriage. Joseph W. 'Joe' Burnett married again, to Isabell McDole, November 03, 1802, in a Catholic ceremony in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. Five children were born to this marriage. Joseph W. 'Joe' Burnett died 15 December 1915, at Macomb, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Burial was held at Mars Hill Cemetery, RR west of Macomb, Oklahoma. Joseph was allotted land in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Sixth Generation

Birdie Josephine Burnett, a daughter of Joseph and Emma Anderson Burnett, was born 6th of January, 1882 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, near Sacred Heart, now Pottawatomie County. Birdie attended school at Sacred Heart and in Kansas. Birdie married 30 October 1904 to William Stephen Martin. Several children were born to this marriage, two to be grown: a son, Jack William, and Halsa Wanda Martin. Birdie Burnett Martin was allotted land in, now, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Birdie died June 4, 1965, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and is buried in the Tecumseh Cemetery.

Seventh Generation

Halsa Wanda Martin, daughter of Birdie Josephine Burnett Martin, was born April 04, 1918, in Macomb, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. She grew up in this area and attended school in Macomb. On May 29, 1938, she married Vernon Frantz Motley in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Two sons were born to this marriage, Vernon Martin 'Jack' Motley and Jerry Paul Motley. Halsa died August 06, 1988, in Oklahoma City and is buried in the Tecumseh Cemetery.

Eighth Generation

Jerry Paul Motley, the son of Vernon F. and Halsa Wanda Motley was born April 25, 1940, at Macomb, Oklahoma. Jerry attended Tecumseh Schools, graduating in 1959. He married Willis Faye Parker, May 13, 1960, in Tecumseh. Two children were born to this marriage, William Neal and Paula Michelle.

Jerry is a lifelong resident of Pottawatomie County and has been an active and vital participant in tribal activities. He has served as Tax Commissioner and Enterprise Manager. He currently serves on the Business Committee. An avid supporter of the progress and improvements that have been made in Tribal affairs and facilities, he believes that only with a continuity of harmonious leadership can the accomplishments be continued. The potential of the Potawatomi Tribe is without equal, but will only be realized with uncompromising dedication to the People as a whole.

**This is no time to change direction.
Re-Elect Experience.
Vote Jerry Paul 'J.P.' Motley
Business Committee**

CPN SPRING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following members received the Tribal Scholarship for the Spring semester of 2000.

Connie L. Kay East Central University
 Carrie L. Malone East Central University
 Margaret A. Dudley Eastern Oklahoma State College
 Mary G. Dailey Seminole State College
 Katherine J. Gross Oklahoma City Community College
 Julia L. Horbach Lake Tahoe Community College
 Darlene L. Goldsmith Northeastern State University/Tulsa
 Sheri I. Hanson Oregon Institute of Technology
 Amanda G. Wamego Northern Oklahoma College
 Judy L. Robinson Nova Southeastern University
 Richard K. Swisher Kansas City, KS ATS
 Dale Sweeten Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 Christina K. Thomas Oklahoma City Community College
 Amanda L. Nixon Rose State College
 Czarina A. Thompson University of Oklahoma
 Brenda C. Speer Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Patricia J. Dawson University of Colorado
 Lora B. McHenry Rogers State University
 Mary E. Tasier Oklahoma City Community College
 Sherri L. Tero University of Central Oklahoma
 Rosa C. Garcia Seminole State College
 Debra L. Barne Cameron University
 Michael R. Bourbonnais Fresno City College
 Terrance Michael Bolt II Northern Oklahoma College
 Misty S. Bates Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Paul A. Schmidkofer St. Gregory's ACE Program
 Michelle S. Smith Cowley County Community College
 Dustin G. Loftis St. Gregory's University
 Tiffany R. Cheatwood Oklahoma City Community College
 Rebecca L. Gardom Western New Mexico University
 Jarad M. Logsdon University of Oklahoma
 Andrea D. Moore Connors State College
 Candida J. Kada University of Nebraska-Omaha
 Lance W. Robinson Broward County Community College
 Christina A. Vargas Pasadena City College
 Carrie York University of North Texas
 Brandon L. Robison College of the Ozarks
 Walter Hawk Linn Benton Community College
 Kasey L. Watson South Plains College
 Chad W. Jordan Johnson County Community College
 Adriane R. Stinson Oklahoma City Community College
 Summer R. Garcia East Central University
 Jessica L. Lee University of Texas at Austin
 Penny D. Byler Amarillo College
 Staci D. Walker Lamar University-Beaumont
 Melissa D. Munda Odessa College
 Gregory A. Cline Oklahoma City Community College
 David C. Roberts, Jr. University of Central Oklahoma
 Amy M. Upton University of Oklahoma
 Cynthia D. Anderson OSU-Okmulgee
 Timothy P. DeCoursey, Jr. Washburn University
 Brooke N. Rumsey OSU-Oklahoma City
 Justin D. Covalt Autry Technology Center
 Crystal J. O'Rourke Seminole State College
 Colette J. Childers Valencia Community College
 Justin T. Price Collin County Community College
 Jon M. Arrasmith Seminole State College
 Michelle M. Miclea Henry Ford Community College
 Tara R. Ramos Cameron University
 Tyler S. Walker OSU-Okmulgee
 Elizabeth S. Driver Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 Rhiannon R. Truog Glendale Community College
 Joshua C. Baser Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
 Heidi K. Baitis Virginia Tech
 Chad D. Barrett Seminole State College
 Richard M. Robertson Cuesta College
 Brian W. Hancock University of Kansas
 Rita A. Hunnicutt Rose State College
 Dana J. Schoemann University of Oklahoma
 Ami J. Clift University of West Florida
 Nicholas D. Upton University of Oklahoma
 Magan D. O'Connor East Central University
 Ryan P. McMillan Kansas State University
 Dale W. Maynard, Jr. Oklahoma City Community College
 Justin C. Baker University of Oklahoma
 Aaron B. Collins Oklahoma Baptist University
 Michelle D. Osburn Northeastern State University
 Brian S. Overstreet Oklahoma Baptist University
 Eric H. Hamilton Metropolitan State College
 Dawn M. Deerinwater Cameron University
 Thomas K. Nickou Montana State University
 Toni J. Kay University of Oklahoma
 Diedre G. Torres Northeastern State University-Tulsa

Meredith J. Everett University of Central Oklahoma
 Jody K. Mills East Central University
 Allison M. Jinks Tarleton State University
 Rhonda K. Bathurst American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
 Gary D. Schoeman UCLA School of Medicine
 Philip W. Moyer Medical College of Wisconsin
 Tiffany S. Healey Oklahoma State Univ. - College of Vet. Medicine
 Melissa L. Williams Metroplex Beauty School
 Lori A. Snyder Wes Watkins Vo-Tech
 Debra Moore Rose State College
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 Debra L. Perez Merced Community College
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 Susan J. Nadeau Merritt College
 Douglas S. Brinson East Central University
 Bobbi J. Trousdale Oklahoma Christian University
 Brian J. Martin Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 Kathryn A. Olsen Brigham Young University
 Stanley Williams II University of Oklahoma
 Andreanna T. Smith Oklahoma City Community College
 Dustin M. Gross Oklahoma City Community College
 Broke H. Anderson United States Naval Academy
 Calvin J. Peltier, Jr. Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 Jessica M. Wright Culver-Stockton College
 Jay F. Martin Oklahoma State University
 John W. Williams University of Oklahoma
 David M. Ivy East Central University
 Michelle L. Schwerdt St. Mary's College of Leavenworth
 Traci J. Kane University of Oklahoma
 Thomas J. Slavin SW Missouri State University
 Cassandra D. Cook Kansas Wesleyan University
 Kimberly A. McCorkle Westark College
 Paula M. Garman Oklahoma State University
 Jennifer A. Lisle Eastern Oklahoma State College
 Jami L. Kay Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College
 Jay A. Laughlin Oklahoma City Community College
 Kyle A. Kreeger Haskell Indian Nation University
 Terri S. Ivy East Central University
 Jenny L. Affentranger Oklahoma Baptist University
 Leslie A. Henry Garden City Community College
 Wade J. Miller University of Oklahoma
 Allison N. Barrett East Central University
 Erica A. Rhodd Oklahoma State University
 Jessica M. Martin University of Notre Dame
 Giulia L. Bussard Texas Tech University
 Robin L. Flippo New Mexico State University
 Joanna M. Gregson Diaz University of Puerto Rico
 Tina J. Oglesby St. Gregory's University
 Keli L. Savory Western Oklahoma State College
 Jeanne L. Pierce Drury College
 John C. Weddle Oklahoma State University
 Odessa A. Robinson University of New Mexico
 Rebecca A. Hogan University of Central Oklahoma
 Jerry E. Griffith College of the Ozarks
 Melissa L. Wilson St. Gregory's University
 Marc E. Smith University of South Alabama
 Cynthia R. Holik Rose State College
 Brandi R. Morris University of Central Oklahoma
 Christine R. Gregson California State University- L.A.
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 Tiffany D. Wright East Central University
 Charles D. Dunigan University of Oklahoma
 Lindsay S. Jones University of Oregon
 Shelli R. Baldwin University of Arkansas
 Tracy J. Downing Regent University
 April D. Morris Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech
 Lori A. Snyder Wes Watkins Technology Center

**Remember the deadline dates for the Tribal
 Scholarship application are
 December 15 for Spring
 June 1 for Summer
 August 15 for Fall**

**Any applications received after these dates
 will not be considered.**

Nation begins producing photo ID cards for members

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has taken the initial steps toward providing tribal members new membership cards that will feature the member's photograph.

The Nation has contracted with Wendell Franks to provide the plastic identification card printer and the software that will connect a digital or scanned-in analog photo with the database information that will appear on the ID card.

At the CPN Regional Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on February 5, the Nation shot the first 75 to 80 photographs of tribal members for the ID cards. **At the regional meeting in Northern California on Saturday, March 4, the Nation shot the ID card photos and produced membership cards on the spot.**

"If you want the ID card to include one or two of your Citizen Potawatomi family names, you simply have to provide those names," said Linda Capps, Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman. "You can also have your Indian name included on the card."

Capps explained that tribal members who already possess membership cards are not required to obtain one of the new photo ID cards.

Each member will be allowed one free photo ID card. Additional cards will cost five dollars (\$5.00) each.

Capps said that tribal members can order a photo ID card by mailing or e-mailing a photo and the pertinent information to tribal headquarters in Shawnee.

Vice chairman Capps said that tribal members who order cards via mail or e-mail must furnish a signed affidavit certifying their identification and tribal membership. A clip-out-and-mail-in copy of the affidavit is printed on page 3 of this edition of the *HowNiKan*.

"We will also issue new photo ID cards for using the Citizen Potawatomi Clinic," Potawatomi Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett explained. "We will produce and issue those after new computer software that the Clinic has purchased is in use."

Census workers needed

Shawnee, Oklahoma census bureau officials are gearing up for delivery of census forms in March; they are looking for field workers to help.

Census forms will begin to be mailed out on March 14, said John Spangler, Shawnee Census Bureau Office manager. The forms will be delivered by mail or, in rural areas, by hand by census employees.

"The ideal time to return the forms is by April 11," Spangler said. Postcards will be mailed out after March 14 to remind people to fill out the form and return it.

"Things are moving right along here," Spangler said. The Shawnee office currently employs about 35 people, but more people will be needed in the coming weeks.

The office is in the process of hiring people to go out into the field to deliver census forms and remind residents to fill them out and send them in, Spangler said. The positions pay \$10.25 per hour, Spangler said.

To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have transportation for work in the field. Applicants must also pass a 28-question test designed to measure skills required to perform a variety of Census jobs such as reading, math, following instructions, and map-reading skills.

To apply, call the Shawnee office at 273-0240.

John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman, urged tribal members who are searching for work or who have the time to help insure an accurate count to apply for these census-taker positions.

"In 1990, Indians were the most undercounted part of the U.S. population," Chairman Barrett said. "The Census Bureau missed counting more than 12 of every 100 Indians ten years ago."

Barrett said that it is important that all Native Americans be found and counted in during Census 2000 and that they indicate the tribe in which they hold membership. "Because funding for so many federal programs, including those that benefit Indians, is determined based on census numbers, it is imperative that all Indians respond to the census."

Chairman Barrett said that it is important that Citizen Potawatomi tribal members and members of other tribes work in the field as census-takers. "No one knows more about where all the Indians in this area are than other Indians," he said.

The Shawnee office serves Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Cleveland, Kay, Logan, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, and Payne counties as well as a portion of Oklahoma County. There are five other census offices in Oklahoma: in Duncan, Enid, Oklahoma City, Tahlequah, and Tulsa.

Nationwide, the Census Bureau will employ more than 800,000 people.

Federal and state funds supporting schools, employment services, housing assistance, road construction, hospital services, and programs for the elderly are distributed based on Census figures.

An accurate population count from the 2000 Census is also needed to accurately apportion representation in the United States Congress.

Federal judge rules in favor of plaintiffs in IIM case

On December 21, 1999, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth ruled in favor of the Indian Plaintiffs in the Native American Rights Fund/Individual Indian Money IIM account case.

Judge Lamberth's ruling came in the wake of the failure of the two sides to come to a negotiated settlement concerning the central issue in the first phase of the two-part federal trial.

The first part of the case, marked by allegations that the government destroyed vital documents important to the case of the Indian plaintiffs, concerned whether the federal government can fix the decades-old problems in the management of IIM accounts by the departments of Interior and Treasury. Interior and Treasury manage the accounts on behalf of hundreds of thousands of individual Indians across the United States.

In that matter, Judge Lamberth ruled in favor of the government. He gave the agencies five years to develop a records system that will allow IIM accountholders to have accurate accounting and reasonable access to their own money.

Represented by the Native American Rights Fund, Indian plaintiffs in the case had asked that a Special Master be appointed to oversee reorganization of the IIM accounts.

The judge's decision does, however, set precedents for the second part of the case, which is arguably the most important for Indians across the United States.

For more than one hundred years, individual Indians have been paid for mineral and grazing leases on their individually allotted lands held in trust by the federal government. Those payments were never made directly to the allottees or their heirs.

Instead, payments were made to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which, in turn was supposed to manage the funds and make regular and timely payments to the allottees or their heirs.

For decades, IIM accountholders have complained that their lands and funds were mismanaged by the Departments of Interior and Treasury. Those allegations were never brought to court until 1996 when the Native American Rights Fund sued on behalf of five Indian plaintiffs in the IIM Trust Fund lawsuit.

Judge Lamberth's December 1999 decision affirmed that the Indian Trust Fund Management "is a system clearly out of control."

Judge Lamberth also found that the Departments of Interior and Treasury had destroyed documents relevant to the case and "fell woefully short of

(their) responsibilities" to Indian IIM accountholders in arguing the case in his court.

Lamberth characterized his decision as a "stunning victory" on behalf of Indian people nationwide although his decision did not allow damages to be assessed against the U.S. government for the mismanagement of Indian funds and lands.

Many Indian people, including many Citizen Potawatomi families, lost their lands and their livelihood because of government mismanagement of their IIM accounts through the years.

Some researchers have estimated that there are more than 800 Citizen Potawatomi and their descendants whose accounts were mismanaged.

Earlier in 1999, Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Department of Interior, estimated that more than 20 billion dollars is due Indians in the United States. That figure is especially significant here in Oklahoma because government statistics reveal that nearly fifty percent of all mineral leases on Indian lands are located in Oklahoma.

Mineral leases were and are the primary source for funds in the IIM trust' fund system. Such a figure would mean that as much as 10 billion dollars could be due Oklahoma Indian allottees or their heirs.

Bruno family featured on Sixty Minutes

A crew from the CBS television newsmagazine *Sixty Minutes* was in Shawnee recently to film a segment with members of the Bruno family. The segment features Ruby Withrow and Leon Bruno talking about the mismanagement and theft of their grandfather Mose Bruno's land and mineral resources from 1930 through 1960.

The exact date for the airing of the feature has not been set, but will probably be sometime in early March. There are more than 200 living descendants of Mose (Per-she-at-won) and Frances (Nod-no-qua) Bruno, including one surviving daughter, Beatrice Casteel, and seventeen grandchildren.

Southwest Re



Citizen Potawatmi sign in for the Southwest Regional Council meeting on a beautiful Sunday on the scenic grounds of the Phoenix, Arizona Zoo.

February 5, 2000 Phoenix Zoo



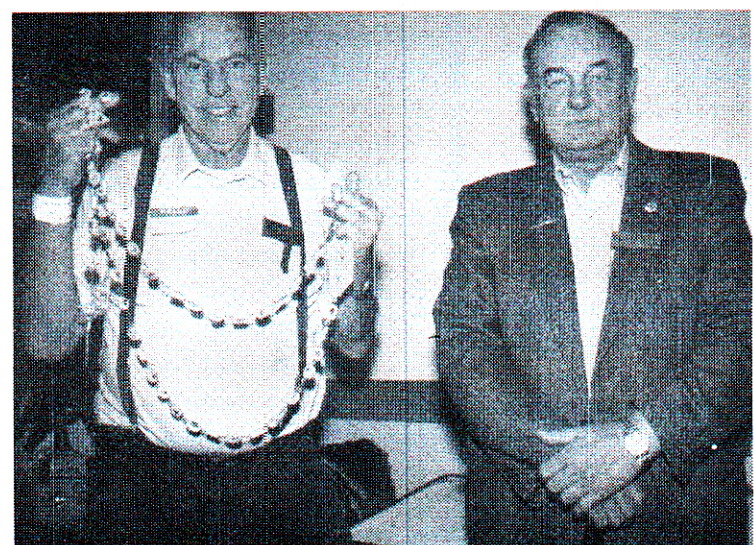
Chairman Rocky Barrett presents a shawl to Dorothy Hicks, the Wisest Potawatomi at the regional meeting.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Heather Brocker view digital photo of Miss Brocker taken for the new tribal photo I.D. cards.



Charles Esch holds grandson Gage Driscoll of Phoenix, the youngest enrolled Potawatomi at the regional meeting.



Tom Goyer of Duncan, Arizona, earned second place in the art contest with his four-foot-long "Right-To-Life Rosary." Committeeman J.P. Motley presented Mr. Goyer's prize.

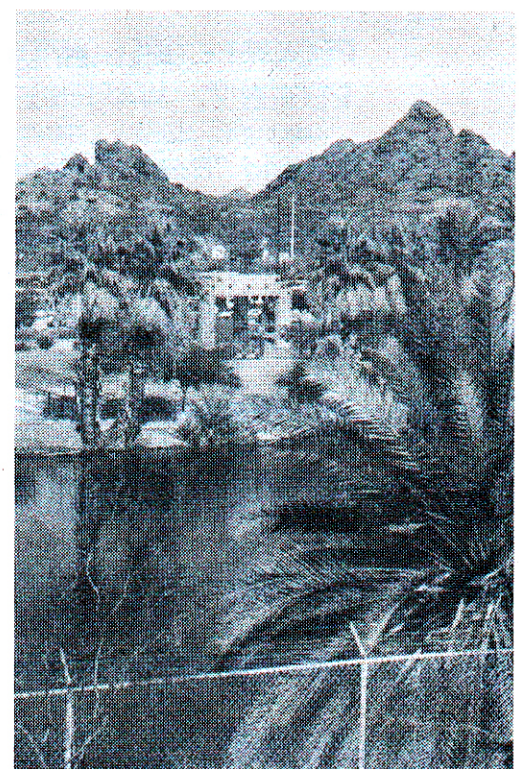


Marc Lewis of Mesa, Arizona, won the art contest top prize with "Infinite," a granite and gypsum sculpture. Committeeman Hilton Melot and CPN Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno pose with him.

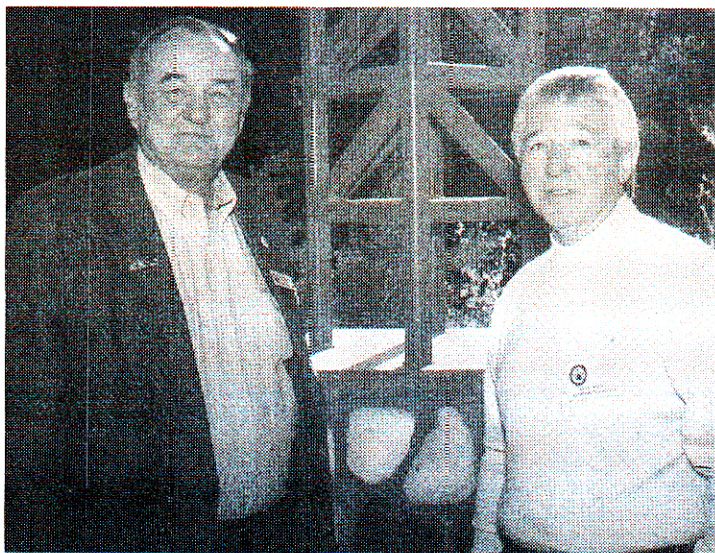


Bob Goyer, Tom's brother, displayed this beautiful wood carving but did not enter the contest.

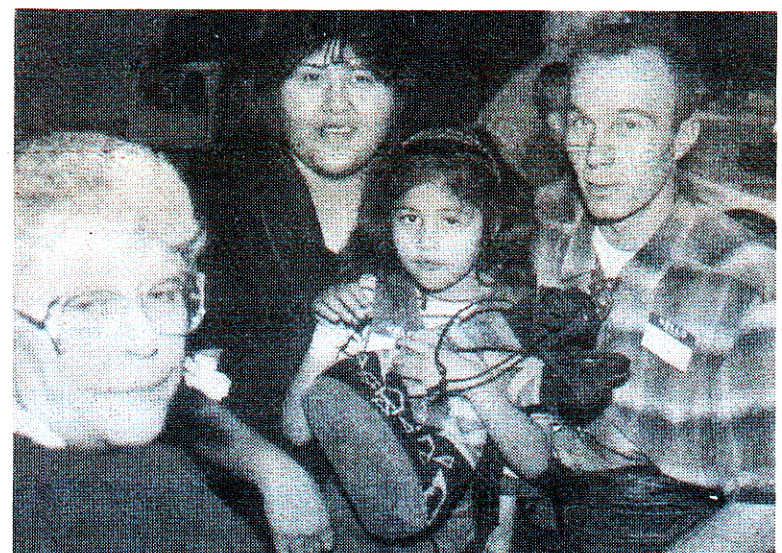
Regional Council



Left: Gene Lambert-Gast, the new Southwest Region Director, addresses tribal members. Above: Younger tribal members thoroughly enjoyed the activities Ms. Lambert-Gast arranged, including a mini-train tour of the Phoenix Zoo. Right: Mountains and palm trees dominate the scenery at the zoo. This is the view from the rear balcony of the Regional Meeting site.



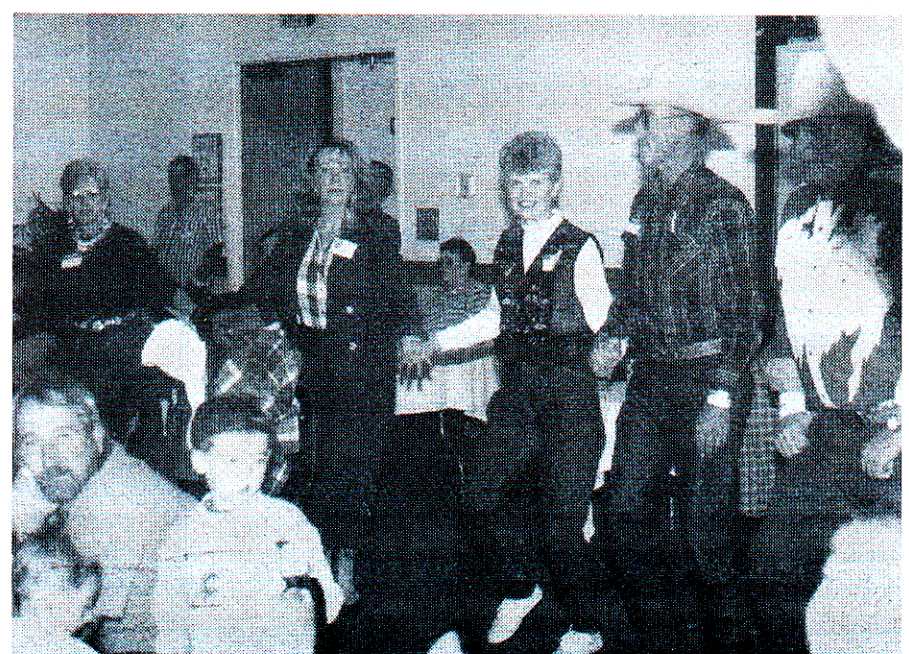
Committeeman J.P. Motley and Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Enjoy The Beautiful Scenery

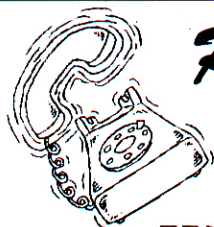


Tribal members Lenora Gordon, left, and Curtis Pine, along with Pine's wife and daughter, enjoyed all the activities at the Regional Meeting.



Members of the drum group Dark Horse performed for a traditional Circle Dance like the one at right, which got many tribal members on the floor.





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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Southwest

Wow ... what a fun-packed and informative regional meeting. We appreciate all the enthusiasm of those who were there. And, for those of you who could not make it this year, be sure to get ready for the next regional meeting. It is family at its best.

The children went on train rides to see the animals at the Phoenix Zoo. Lunch was a picnic adventure, and the drummers (Dark Horse) were there to help us with the traditional circle dance.

People had an opportunity to meet and talk to the CPN Business Committee. Our own Chairman, John A. "Rocky" Barrett, told stories, carried down from our ancestors, that were most delightful.

These are the things and the times together that keep us close as family. In the same way that you build your immediate family, our extended family of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is also important. It is in this way that we establish our roots, and the more we learn, the more confident we become in whom we are today.

I encourage all enrolled members to support our chosen leadership, get involved, and participate in the activities that create a strong base for ourselves, for our children, and for our children's children. The Regional Meeting was definitely a success.

Please, please let me know if there are any of you who would like to volunteer for future

activities. Just call 800-452-8966 or 480-668-0509 and let me know in what way you would like to assist in doing the best job possible for our region.

Thank you, to all of you who participated in creating a fabulous family day at the Zoo. Time is all we have to spend and I am grateful that you chose to spend your time with us.

This was my first year as the Regional Director and it is the support and assistance of Philonise Williams and Bob Trousedale that brought it together. But, you made it a success.

Again, I wish all of you all the good things life has to offer.

Warmest personal regards,

— Gene Lambert

Northwest

Bozho Nikan: Ne ji na?

We are wet here in the Northwest but not under two feet of snow or bitter cold, as I hear Oklahoma has been. The news tells me Shawnee had 27 degrees and the sunny southern states are under snow. We know that the Northwest is the best part of the United States, don't we?

The big news this month is that our Regional Meeting has been set for April 15, 2000 at the Shilo Inn in Lincoln City, Oregon. I think those of you that attended two years ago had a good time and we are looking forward to seeing you again this year.

The weather was nice last time and lots of fun things to do after the meeting. We will be right on the beach so the kids can play in the sand. We will have things for the kids to do. And, remember everyone, please bring something to enter in the Art Contest. The prize money is big and someone will win. Why not you?

Our Art Contest has started to get bigger but I am still reminding people to bring their talents so we can show them off to the other regions and our committee members. Come on and enter. It is fun!

We are now entering the

upcoming powwow season here in the Northwest. You can check the schedule on our Northwest Website — <http://www.welcome.to/nishnabek>

I hope you enjoy the site and

if anyone has any comments please feel free to e-mail me or call the office at 1-800-522-3744. I look forward to helping if I can.

Megwich,

— Rocky Baptiste

My Own

I honor my ancestors, who have walked ahead,
A teepee, the ground, they used for a bed,
They have lived in the cold the rain, and the snow
They traveled on foot, with no place to go.

The white man killed them for their pelts and their gold,
They killed the little, the young, and the old.
They slaughtered the game and left it for waste,
The Indians starved, they had only honor for their race.

They put them in prison, they took their home away,
They were rejected and sentenced, their treaty didn't pay.

And, still today, we fight alone,
To get what was taken from our own

Indians, pray, we will win united,
We, as Native Americans, fail if we become divided.

— Dorothy Hicks

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY NOTICE

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority has been overwhelmed with applications for the **Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Grant**. This program assists Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members who are buying an existing home, building a new home, or refinancing. It provides a one-time grant up to \$2,125.00. Because of the substantial number of requests, we must now limit this program to tribal members who fall at or below the 100% of National Median Income limit. For more information, please feel free to contact Sherry Byers at 405-878-4696.

REGIONAL REPORTS

South Texas

Hau bosho chak,
Mno bmadene ngom?

It finally rained a little bit in these woods. Not nearly enough, but we are grateful for what the Thunders gave to us. That little bit brought blooms to the peach tree already.

I apologize for not writing to you for so long. Things have been hectic here for some time. Had that left knee replaced last October. You know, the one that you lead with when you do the Round Dance. Too many Round Dances, I was told. I am doing great, Migwech for asking!

Now I shall try to do better about writing.

We will meet for Council in the Houston area on March 25 this year, at Tomball Community College. Good space, good parking, good people! Come prepared to get your photograph made for the new ID cards. That shall be fun!

And, bring lots of artwork for the Competition. I really look forward to seeing all the beautiful things you do. It is true, I have never met a Nishnabe' who was not an artist.

I have been thinking lately of how it is with us. You remember going to the family gatherings, being one of the "kids"? Now we kids have become the grandparents, our "kids" are grown and have children of their own. The old ones have walked on; one day we shall do the same.

That makes me realize how little time I have left to share with the young ones those things that make us what we are as Potawatomi people. A Nation within a Nation, with our own history, culture, and traditions. We have a language of our own, one that holds all of those mysteries we have been told are lost to us.

The government and the missionaries tried to take it away, in the mistaken hope that, when we learned their ways, we would cease to exist as a separate people. I have no doubt that many of them thought it was the best thing for us, certainly the best thing for them.

In our great grandparents' time, it sure wasn't healthy to be known as a "real Indian", eh? But hey, here we are, real "neshnabs", and with so much opportunity ahead of us.

Did you go to the Festival last summer in Shawnee? There were Potawatomi hand games, Potawatomi dancing, Potawatomi stories, and more Potawatomi people than I have ever seen in one place before. That is encouraging.

We need now to keep the momentum, keep teaching and learning. Then we shall always be, as a people, no matter what comes.

Not too long ago I was with an Apache Medicine person. We were thinking together about our separate

peoples, and about the big Intertribal Pow Wows, and how they have evolved. Back in the 1950s, the people of many native Nations came together in small groups here and there across the country to dance and visit, market their art and other wares, and just be "Indians" together.

Back then it took several "tribes" (an English word; we never referred to ourselves as "tribes") working together to make up enough to dance. Dancing was outlawed for so many years, and only a few here and there could remember and do the old dances. Even then, the Pow Wow was a strictly social event.

As we conversed, this person asked me how it is with my people now. I told him of the First Annual Potawatomi Festival held in Shawnee last summer, as opposed to the Twenty-Fifth Annual Pau Wau the summer before that. I told him it generated a lot of discussion pro and con. I told him it was a big change in the way we had been doing things.

"Good" he said, "it is good, now you are going back to the ways of your own people, you are going to teach the young people that there is more to being Potawatomi than the putting on of regalia and dancing. Teach them their history," he said, "teach them the way YOUR people did things. Then as they enjoy the intertribal groups when they do come together, they will recognize not only the similarities but also the differences among the various native peoples."

"We are not homogeneous as natives anymore than we are homogeneous as Americans," he said. "There will always be some differences. The trick is to learn to appreciate the differences, respect the people of all the Nations, just as you wish them to respect your ways."

I share that conversation with you, as food for thought. It certainly gave me a lot to think about.

Come to the Council Meeting. We'll miss you if you don't, and you will miss a good time too.

Keep warm and be well,
Bama pi gwi kigdomen mine'

— Lu Ellis



From The Chairman

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

Bozhoo Nikon,

As the filing deadline for tribal elections gets nearer, my concern grows about the low number of Citizen Potawatomi who vote. Last year less than 8% of our Council members, those of you over 18, voted in the election and referendum. While there were no contested seats, the participation is absolutely crucial. Ours is one of the few tribes that allow our members to vote by absentee ballot. For this right to be meaningful, more members must vote.

Our tribe has always had a sort of informal political body I have termed the Elder Ladies Council or the Grandmothers. They are a powerful and influential part of our tribe and our heritage. While there is nothing in our government documents about these women, no candidate for political office can win without their support. It works very simply: almost all of us were enrolled or encouraged to enroll in the tribe by our grandmothers. Before the HowNiKan was published, most of the news about the tribe came from our grandmothers who got it from talking to their kin or friends in the tribe.

If a person was not good to his or her family or was trouble for their people, the Grandmothers would spread the word. All of my life until her passing, my grandmother told me who she supported and did her best to persuade me to vote her way. In most cases I called her to seek her advice, since she knew the families and issues involved better than I did. She usually had heard some juicy news about the candidates, which made the process fun. Even today, my relationship with my grandmother is repeated thousands of times over around the country by Potawatomi grandmothers and their families.

So, Grandmothers, please help us to get out the vote. If your family does not get used to voting now, they may not vote when the decision is critical to the needs of your family.

I want to thank the hundreds of you who have called to talk about the Festival and offer your suggestions and ideas. It

was so much fun last year we will all be trying even harder to top it this year. The food will be much better organized, or less organized. Rather than have everyone line up for a specific meal, we are going to serve food all day and let folks eat when they want. We plan to have the usual hot dogs, soda pop and chips for 16 hours a day, plus servings during three or four hour periods on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of hamhock, pinto beans and cornbread, plus barbecue sandwiches, corn on the cob and chips, plus chicken and dumplings, homemade chili, sausage biscuits, fruit, ice cream and cookies. All this will be free.

You will also have the choice of food purchases from several food vendors who offer Strawberry Newburg, Indian Tacos, Roast Turkey Legs, and many other goodies. Leave your diet at home and bring some shorts with elastic waistbands. You will have the chance to work some of this off (and win big cash prizes) with Indian dances, cowboy dancing, day and night golf, volleyball, basketball, softball and horseshoes. While you are resting, play dominoes, checkers and chess for prizes, or compete with your team in the big \$1000 handgame.

The kids will have a full amusement area with lots of great play and Potawatomi culture activities, swimming, pony rides, games, dancing, and supervised fun. For those of us who don't want to work at fun that hard, there will also be some slow pleasant times talking to new friends and old relatives, listening to soft music, and watching the fun.

It will be as great as you want it to be because it is your tribe and your Festival on your land. Don't miss this, my friends; it will be a hoot.

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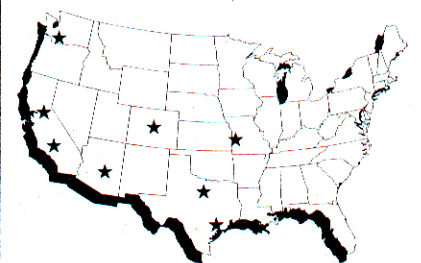
John Barrett

Potawatomi Art Contest

THE OKLAHOMA AND 'NO REGION' ART COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE LONG ROOM ON MAY 20, 2000 AT 10:00 A.M. PLEASE BRING YOUR ARTWORK TO THE LONG ROOM THAT MORNING. FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BRING THE ACTUAL PIECE OF ARTWORK, YOU MAY SUBMIT THREE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR EACH PIECE ENTERED. FOR REGISTRATION FORMS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DENNETTE BARE AT (405) 275-3121.



THE GRAND PRIZE ART COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2000. ENTRIES FOR THE GRAND PRIZE ART COMPETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DENNETTE BARE AT (405) 275-3121.



Remaining 1999-2000

Regional Council Schedule

Northern California — March 4, 2000

Houston — March 25, 2000

Seattle/Portland — April 15, 2000

Kansas — May 13, 2000

2000 CITIZEN POTAWATOMI ELECTION ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

ARTICLE I CITATION AND PURPOSE

S1-101: Citation

This enactment may be cited as the 2000 Election Ordinance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

S2-102: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Ordinance of 1983 and to establish the rules and procedures for conducting elections authorized in Article 12, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution.

ARTICLE II WORDS AND PHRASES

S2-101: Definitions

The following definitions shall control the meanings of the following terms:

- a. "Tribal Court" shall mean the Potawatomi Tribal Court sitting at the Potawatomi Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- b. "General Council Resolution" shall mean the official document, and its adoption by the Business Committee, by which the General Council acts on behalf of its membership under the authority reserved to it by the Tribal Constitution.
- c. "Tribe" and all derivatives thereof (e.g. "tribal") shall mean the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

S2-102: Time Periods

Unless otherwise provided herein, all of the time periods established herein for filing, challenges, contests, or appeals are jurisdictional and cannot be waived.

ARTICLE III ELECTION COMMITTEE

S3-101: Creation

An Election Committee is hereby created and established having the duties and powers hereinafter set forth. The Election Committee shall conduct all elections and referendum votes in accordance with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal By-laws, and with this ordinance.

S3-102: Composition

The Election Committee shall consist of five persons: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and a Marshal.

S3-103: Appointment

The Business Committee shall appoint the members of the Election Committee and designate the Chairman of the Committee:

- a. Not later than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to an election.
- b. By resolution in substantially as set forth in Appendix Form 1. (Resolution Format)
- c. If a vacancy occurs on the Election Committee, the Business Committee shall fill the vacancy within five (5) days.

S3-104: Oath

Prior to entering into the duties of office, each Election Committee member shall take the following oath of office to be administered by a member of the Business Committee or a Tribal Court Judge: I, _____, do hereby solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and will cause the elections of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to be conducted fairly, impartially, and in accordance with the laws of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, so help me God.

S3-105: Officer Selection

The Business Committee shall select from among the Election Committee members, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and a Marshal shall be selected by the Election Committee, who shall certify in writing to the Business Committee the names of the persons so selected.

S3-106: Sub-Appointments

The Election Committee may appoint such observers, clerks, counters, marshals, and alternates as necessary to conduct the election and shall certify such appointments in writing to the Business Committee.

S3-107: Filing Certifications

Copies of all certified appointments and sub-appointments shall be filed in the Tribal Secretary's office and be open for public inspection.

S3-108: Eligibility

No person may be appointed to the Election Committee unless eligible and qualified.

- a. A person is eligible if:
 1. A member of the Tribe.
 2. 21 years of age or older
- b. A person is not qualified for appointment if:
 1. Under any court-ordered guardianship due to mental incapacity,
 2. The natural or adopted brother, sister, parent, child, or spouse to a current candidate,
 3. A current candidate for election to any tribal office to be decided by that election,
 4. Ever convicted of a felony,
 5. Ever convicted of a non-felonious crime involving the election laws of the Tribe, or
 6. Ever found civilly or criminally liable for breaching a fiduciary or contractual duty to the Tribe.

S3-109: Term

Each Election Committee member shall serve from appointment until the election results for all offices have been certified.

S3-110: Compensation

Members of the Election Committee are to receive only such compensation, traveling expenses, or stipend, as may be authorized by the Business Committee.

S3-111: Records

The Election Committee shall maintain complete accurate minutes of meetings and retain all documents pertaining to an election. These records shall be filed in the Tribal Secretary's office within forty-eight (48) hours after each meeting and shall be open for public inspection during normal office hours at the Potawatomi Tribal Complex.

S3-112: Duties

Each Election Committee member has the duty to become thoroughly familiar with this

ordinance and the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws to see that these laws are rigorously followed, and to immediately document and report any violations to the marshal or other law enforcement personnel. In addition:

- a. Chairman: The Chairman shall be the presiding member and responsible for the overall activities of the Election Committee, including safekeeping of the ballots and ballot box(es).
- b. Vice-Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman, preside in his absence and assist in the conduct of the election.
- c. Secretary: The Secretary shall record and maintain accurate minutes of meetings and records pertaining to an election. The Secretary shall verify the authenticity of these records and be responsible for providing all Election Committee certifications except where otherwise provided herein after each Election Committee meeting. All records shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe within two (2) working days after each meeting.
- d. Assistant Secretary: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary and serve in the Secretary's absence, and assist in the conduct of the elections.
- e. Clerks: The Clerks shall assist in the conduct of the elections, and shall check off the voters on the list of qualified voters. Each clerk shall keep a separate record of the members voting which shall be cross-checked frequently by the Chairman or his designate, to insure accuracy.
- f. Marshal: The Marshal shall maintain order at the polls and enforce the election laws. The Marshal shall have these powers from the time the polls open until declaration of all election results are final.

S3-113: Procedure

The Election Committee acts only by majority vote of a quorum at a properly called and noticed meeting.

- a. Quorum. A quorum of the Election Committee shall consist of any three members.
- b. Meetings. Meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman or by request of a majority of the Election Committee and shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe two (2) working days prior to the meeting. In the event the Chairman fails to call a meeting as requested, the other members of the Election Committee who request a meeting may convene one upon prior registered mail notification to all members of the Election Committee and Secretary-Treasurer of the tribe shall receive prior notice of all meetings.
- c. Where. All meetings shall be at the tribal office unless notice of the place and time of the meeting is conspicuously posted in the tribal office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

S3-114: Rules

The Election Committee shall have the authority to recommend such rules, not inconsistent with this Ordinance, as may be necessary and proper for the conduct of tribal elections. Such rules shall be approved by the Business Committee. Copies should also be posted in prominent places in the tribal offices and such other places as the Election Committee may deem advisable. A copy of the rules should be promptly delivered to the tribal newsletter for publication.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

S4-101: Election Days

All tribal elections and referendum votes, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall be on a Saturday. Regular elections of members of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee shall be held on the last Saturday in June of each election year. All other required tribal elections or referendum votes shall be held upon call of the Business Committee or the Election Committee as provided by the tribal Constitution and By-Laws.

S4-102: Forms

The forms contained in the Appendix of Forms are sufficient under this ordinance and are intended to indicate the simplicity and brevity of statement which this ordinance contemplates. Except as provided herein, all forms needed for tribal elections and referendum votes shall be prescribed and provided by the Election Committee. The Tribe shall be responsible for the cost of producing all forms.

S4-103: Instructions To Voters

Instructions to voters describing the manner of casting one's vote shall be posted at the polling place and issued upon request to all eligible voters with a ballot.

S4-104: Public Information

The Election Committee shall widely disseminate to the tribe information about the dates and times of election, locations of polling places and other election-related data. The Election Committee is authorized to publish in the tribal newsletter and in other newsprint media names of candidates, election dates, polling places, election results, and other information as necessary to discharge its duties.

S4-105: Polling Place

Polling places shall be designated for each election on the tribal grounds, and for absentee ballot mailing address.

S4-106: Ballot Box

Locked empty ballot box(s) shall be provided and shown at the polling places prior to voting. Each ballot box shall be constructed of substantial material and shall be equipped with a lock so that the keys of one lock will not unlock others. Each box shall be equipped with a slot or opening in the top through which a ballot may be inserted, but so the box must be unlocked before the ballots can be removed.

S4-107: Access To Ballots

The Election Committee Chairman and Secretary shall retain ballot box keys in their custody until all election results are finally certified. Only those authorized by this ordinance shall have access to the ballot boxes at specific times designated by the Election Committee.

S4-108: Voting Booths

At least two voting booths shall be provided at the polling place. The booths shall be constructed with a counter shelf so that:

- a. No more than one person is in the booth, and
- b. Voters can mark their ballots in secrecy.

S4-109: Poll Watchers

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls.

- a. A Poll Watcher is eligible if:
 1. A member of the Tribe.
 2. 21 years of age or older.
- b. A Poll Watcher is not qualified for appointment if:
 1. Under any court-ordered guardianship due to mental incapacity.
 2. Ever convicted of a felony.
 3. Ever convicted of non-felonious crime involving the election laws of the Tribe, or
 4. Ever found civilly or criminally liable for breaching a fiduciary or contractual duty to the Tribe.

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Such designation must be presented to Election Committee Officials one week prior to the election. Poll Watchers may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer in any way may be ejected from the poll area by a marshal or law enforcement officer.

S4-110: Electioneering And Loitering

No person shall be allowed to electioneer inside or within one hundred (100) feet of the polling place where and when the election is in progress. Neither will any loitering be permitted in the polling places during voting hours. Election officials at the polling place have the duty to obtain such assistance as may be required to maintain order about the building during the progress of the election.

S4-111: Voter Conduct

No intoxicated person will be permitted in the polling place. No person will be permitted to conduct himself in such a manner which may interfere with the election progress. No person shall engage in any activity which serves as a detriment to the election progress or which inhibits the rights of another to vote.

S4-112: Anonymous Election Material

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, organization, or association to write, print, post, or distribute or cause to be written, printed, posted or distributed a statement, circular, poster or advertisement which is designed to influence the voters on the nomination or election of a candidate or to influence the voters on any constitutional or statutory amendment or on any other issue in a Potawatomi tribal election, or to influence the vote of any member of the Business Committee or Tribal Council, unless there appears in a conspicuous place upon such circular, poster, or advertisement, either the name and address of the person, if an individual, or the name and address of the president, chairman, or secretary, or of two officers of the organization, if an organization. Persons violating this act shall be guilty of a crime punishable by the maximum incarceration and fine allowed by law.

S4-113: Application

The provisions of this section shall not be constructed to apply to any matter published in any newspaper, magazine, or journal recognized and circulating as such, which matter is published upon its own responsibility and for which it shall not charge or receive any compensation whatsoever, nor shall the provisions of this section apply to any publication issued by any legally-constituted election officials in the performance of their duties. For purposes of this provision only, a newspaper, magazine or journal is a publication which is published at intervals of either one month or less, on a continuous basis, and has been so published on said continuous basis for the six months prior to the date when ballots can first be requested by tribal members for elections of Business Committee members at the General Council. The newspaper, magazine or journal must also bear the address of the business office where the publication or legal representative is located.

S4-114: Public Disclosure Of Campaign Contributions

Each candidate for elective offices in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation shall file a public disclosure statement that identifies all persons, corporations, groups, etc., contributing in excess of \$50.00 to that individual's campaign. This disclosure must be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe no later than four (4) weeks after the day of the election. If no contribution has been received, a statement must be filed stating so. Failure to file public disclosure under this section is punishable by a fine of \$500.00 and possible disqualification from the election if the individual falsifies or refuses to file the required reports.

S4-115: No Posting of Tribal Campaign Election Literature or signs on Tribal Property.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, organization or association to post election literature, material or signs on Tribal property. Posting of literature, signs or other partisan political activity is strictly prohibited. The distribution of tribal campaign literature will be allowed on election day at the tribal polling place, subject to specifications in Section S4-110.

ARTICLE V CHAPTER ONE ELIGIBLE VOTERS

S5-101: Eligibility

Every tribal member 18 years of age or older in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution shall be eligible and entitled to vote in all tribal elections.

S5-102: Voters Lists

The tribal Secretary shall have the duty to compile from the tribal membership rolls a voter list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the election and shall certify the voter list and:

- Present a certified copy to the Election Committee no later than ninety (90) days prior to the election (if possible).
- Maintain at least one certified copy in the tribal office for public inspection during regular business hours no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the election.
- Maintain at least one certified copy at each polling place on election day to check the eligibility of those presenting themselves to vote.

CHAPTER TWO CHALLENGES

S5-201: Who May Challenge

Any person may challenge the eligibility of anyone whose name appears on the voter list, or may apply to have his name added to the voter list.

S5-202: How To Challenge

A voter list challenge is initiated by filing a written petition with the Election Committee. No special form of petition shall be required although the petition shall:

- Clearly indicate the substance of the challenge,
- Specify the name, or names challenged
- Set forth the relief requested,
 - To add a name, or
 - To delete a name, and
- Include supporting evidence.

S5-203: Time For Challenge

A challenge must be initiated no later than ten (10) days after the Tribal Secretary deposits the certified voter list in the tribal office.

S5-204: Decision

The Election Committee should render a decision on a challenge within ten (10) days of filing. Failure to timely act will be considered a denial of challenge.

S5-205: Appeal

Any party aggrieved by the action or inaction of the Election Committee may thereafter appeal to Tribal Court.

S5-206: Appeal Time

An appeal must be filed within two (2) days of the de facto or de jure decision by the Election

Committee.

S5-207: Appeal Parties

The individual members of the Election Committee and Business Committee shall not be named as defendants in an appeal. The tribal attorney shall represent the Election Committee and/or Business Committee and the court shall expedite such case so as to reach a final decision prior to election day. No election shall be postponed because of pending voter list challenge.

ARTICLE VI CANDIDATES

S6-101: Eligibility To File

In order to file for any office, a candidate must be eligible and qualified:

- A person is eligible if:
 - Twenty-one (21) years of age or older,
 - A member of the Tribe, and
 - Physically residing within Pottawatomie, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, and Okfuskee Counties of Oklahoma.
- A person is not qualified if:
 - Ever convicted of a felony,
 - Ever found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Tribe, or
 - Ever impeached or recalled by the Tribe.
- Each candidate for a Business Committee office in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation shall state that he or she will submit a completed personal information form to the Comptroller of the Currency as required under the Standard Change of Control application form for National Banks no later than seven (7) days after elections are held, if elected. This statement will be incorporated into the candidates filing form.

S6-102: Ballot Eligibility

To be eligible to seek election and be placed on the ballot, a person must timely file for that office.

S6-103: Filed Candidate

To be a filed candidate, one must:

- Be eligible to file,
- Timely file a declaration of candidacy with:
 - The Tribal Secretary-Treasurer or his designate, and
 - The Election Committee or their designate.
- Timely pay a filing fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) upon filing by cashier's check, which is refundable if the candidate is declared ineligible or withdraws.

S6-104: Filing Period

A candidate must file during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. no earlier than ninety (90) and no later than eighty-seven (87) days prior to the date of the election. The filing period is for a total of three (3) working days.

S6-105: Form of Declaration

Although no particular form is required, the declaration of candidacy must be by affidavit and contain sufficient information for the Election Committee to determine that the candidate is eligible to file, is seeking a particular office, and has complied with this ordinance. The declaration should be substantially as shown in Appendix Form 2.

S6-106: Nicknames

Each candidate may specify one (1) nickname to be placed on the ballot alongside the candidate's true name. No nicknames may be used if identical or substantially similar to the name or nickname of another candidate. Should a dispute over the use of a name arise, the Election Committee's decision shall be final unappealable. To specify a nickname, a candidate must affirm in the declaration of candidacy that:

- The candidate is known by the nickname, and
- The nickname is not being used for any other purpose than to accurately identify the candidate.

S6-107: Acceptance

The Election Committee shall accept any filing by a person which, on its face, appears valid, that is, shows the candidate filing is eligible, qualified and has timely filed, and tendered the filing fee. Acceptance shall entitle the candidate to have his name appear on the ballot unless the candidate withdraws as hereinafter set forth or unless a contest to his candidacy is sustained in the manner hereinafter described.

S6-108: Certification Of Slate

As soon as practicable after the filing period closes, the Election Committee shall file a written certification of the slate of candidates for the election with the Tribal Secretary.

The certification shall also indicate all filings not accepted and the reasons for non-acceptance.

S6-109: Use of Tribal Newspaper

After filing closes, the tribal newspaper will provide an equal amount of free space in the next edition for all candidates appearing on the certified slate. The purpose of allowing the free space is to allow the candidates to identify themselves to the voters. All other space in the tribal newspaper shall be available to candidates on a fee basis established by the Business Committee to reflect publication and distribution cost only.

HowNiKan Editor shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review their contents for libel, slander, and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney. Deadlines for receiving advertisement copy are set by editor and published in the newspaper.

S6-110: Filing For More Than One Office Prohibited

No person shall be a candidate for more than one office during any one election, nor may a tribal office holder seek another office except when the office holder's term expires contemporaneously with the election. Each candidate must specify which office is being sought, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Councilman 1, Councilman 2, Grievance Committee 1, Grievance Committee 2 and Grievance Committee 3.

CHAPTER TWO WITHDRAWALS

S6-201: Withdrawals

Any candidate for office may withdraw a declaration of candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Election Committee at any time not less than sixty (60) days prior to the election. The withdrawal notice shall contain the candidate's name, the office sought, and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. A timely withdrawal is final.

S6-202: Procedure On Withdrawal

If a candidate withdraws, the Election Committee shall post notices to that effect at all polling places and within the voting booths, and may line through or otherwise obliterate the candidate's name from the ballot. Any votes cast for a withdrawn candidate shall be rejected.

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CHAPTER THREE CHALLENGES

S6-301: Kinds

The certified slate may be challenged either because a candidacy was allegedly wrongfully certified or because a person's attempted filing was allegedly wrongfully rejected. Any challenge to the certified slate must be made within seventy-two (72) hours after slate has been certified to be a valid challenge.

S6-302: Who May Challenge

Any candidate may challenge the eligibility of any other candidate for the same office. If only one candidate has filed for an office, any person on the voter list may challenge the eligibility of that candidate. Only the person whose filing is not accepted may challenge the non-acceptance.

S6-303: How To Challenge

A challenge must be initiated by filing a written petition with the Election Committee. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons for the challenge.

S6-304: Hearing

Upon receiving a candidacy challenge, the Election Committee shall immediately deliver copies to the challenged candidate and all other candidates for that office. A hearing on the challenge must be held within five (5) days of receipt of challenge. The Election Committee must render a decision on the challenge within seventy-two (72) hours of commencing a hearing. No formal pleadings are required. The Election Committee may subpoena witnesses and take testimony under oath. The challenger has the burden of proof.

CHAPTER FOUR APPEAL

S6-401: Appeal

Any proper party to a candidacy challenge aggrieved by the Election Committee decision may appeal to the Tribal Court.

S6-402: Appeal Time

An appeal must be filed with the Tribal Court on or before the expiration of two (2) business days following announcement of the Election Committee decision.

S6-403: Relief

The appellant shall have the burden of proof. The Tribal Court shall either:

- Affirm the Election Committee decision, or
- Reverse the Election Committee decision and, depending upon which is appropriate, add or strike a candidate's name from the slate certification.

S6-404: Time For Declaration

The Tribal Court has ten (10) days to act on the appeal preceding election day. Failure of the Tribal Court to render a decision within twenty (20) days is an affirmation of the Election Committee's decision.

ARTICLE VII BALLOTS

S7-101: Candidate's Names

The name of any candidate for office shall be printed on the official ballot as set forth in the declaration of candidacy without any prefix, suffix, or title. A nickname may be included if properly requested. Position on ballot will be determined by order of filing for a particular office. As soon as the candidates filing period closes and period challenges expires without a timely challenge, the Election Committee will prepare a ballot. If candidacy challenge is filed, the ballot will be prepared as soon as the challenge is resolved.

S7-102: Unopposed Candidates

Any candidate who is unopposed for an office shall:

- Appear on the ballot with the designation "unopposed" printed next to his name, and
- On election day be deemed elected to that office.

S7-103: Ballot Care

Specific instructions to the voter may be printed at the top of the ballot. Ballots shall not be numbered or show any other lettering or identifiable markings, unless such markings be on a perforated "tear-off" slip to be removed prior to placing the ballot in the ballot box.

- Only one ballot shall be cast by each eligible voter.
- A ballot shall be cast only after the voter has signed the poll register unless voting by absentee ballot.
- Election Committee officials shall account for all "ballots."
- A ballot shall be issued to each eligible voter by mail or through distribution at the tribal offices by the Election Committee.

ARTICLE VIII ABSENTEE VOTING

S8-101: Eligibility

Any voter can vote by absentee ballot.

S8-102: Application

Requests for absentee ballots may be written, printed or typed and must include the correct mailing address, roll number, and legal signature of the person making the request.

S8-103: When To Apply

Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made not less than twenty (20) days prior to the election.

S8-104: Receiving Ballot and Absentee Voter List

After final certification of slate, the Election Committee will have ten (10) working days to print ballots. Ballots will be mailed as soon as possible after final certification of slate and upon receipt of an appropriate and timely request. The Election Committee shall maintain an accurate written record ("Absentee Ballot List") of all ballots so issued, including the name, address, roll number, and legal signature of the voter to whom the absentee ballot was issued, and the date of the issue immediately after final certification of the slate at a timely or appropriate request.

S8-105: Voting

Those voting by absentee ballot shall mark their ballots, seal them in an inner envelope, and see that the absentee ballot is timely delivered. Only the outer envelope shall have the voter's name, return address, roll number and legal signature written upon it.

S8-106: Delivering Completed Ballot

Those wishing to vote by absentee ballot must see that their outer envelope with enclosed inner envelope and absentee ballot are delivered to the designated post office box not later than 10:00 a.m. of the

last Saturday in June.

S8-107: Handling

All absentee ballots received by the Election Committee shall remain in a locked post office box provided for that purpose in Tecumseh, Oklahoma Post Office until 8:00 a.m. election day, at which time the Election Committee Chairman, or an election official designated by the Chairman, and at least one other election official designated by the Chairman, and at least one other election official shall:

- Receive the ballots from the post office,
- Personally transport them to the polling place,
- Deliver them immediately, still sealed, to the remaining members of the Election Committee.
- Deposit them unopened in a special locked ballot box.
- The same procedure shall be followed at 10:00 a.m. and,
- Tabulate them immediately upon delivery by election officials in the presence of candidates poll watchers.

S8-108: Procedure Mandatory

No absentee ballot will be received at any time or by other means than provided herein.

ARTICLE IX CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS CHAPTER ONE VOTING

S9-101: Voting Period

The polls shall be opened at each polling place from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday the day of General Council meeting. Any voter in line at the polling place at 2:00 p.m. but unable to cast a ballot before 2:00 p.m. shall be allowed to cast a vote.

S9-102: Voting

All voting is by secret ballot. Upon being identified as being on the official voters' list and not having previously received a ballot, each prospective voter shall:

- Be handed an unused ballot by an election official,
- Sign his name on a voter register, kept for that purpose, to acknowledge receipt of the ballot,
- Vote in privacy, in a voting booth, by marking the box opposite the name of the candidate supported by the voter.
- Fold the ballot so the choice cannot be seen by others, and
- Personally deposit the ballot in the ballot box.

S9-103: Voter Assistance

The election officials may allow a voter to obtain the assistance of any person in casting a vote if the voter is physically unable to cast a ballot and assistance, without previous suggestion, is requested. The Election Committee shall decide whether assistance may be rendered which decision shall be final and unappealable.

S9-104: Marking The Ballot

A ballot shall show only the marking of the voter's choice and shall not show more choices than the election calls for. A person may choose not to vote for any candidate for a particular office. However, if a voter marks a ballot so that the vote is apparently for more than one candidate for a single office or for a candidate not properly listed, or bearing any other such material errors, the ballot will not be counted, but will be marked by official, and retained as hereinafter provided.

S9-105: Mutilated Ballots

If a voter mutilates a ballot or renders the ballot unusable another may be obtained, and the mutilated ballot shall be folded and marked "mutilated" in ink. Each member of the Election Committee on duty at the polling place shall sign below this marking and the mutilated ballot shall be placed in a large envelope marked "mutilated ballots." The envelope containing all mutilated ballots shall be placed in the ballot box at the end of the voting.

S9-106: Unused Ballots

Ballots unused at the end of the voting shall be tied together, marked "unused" in ink, signed by at least two election officials, and placed in the ballot box at the end of the voting.

CHAPTER TWO COUNTING THE VOTE

S9-201: The Tally

All election material shall be transported to the counting room. Thereafter, the Election Committee shall:

- Unlock the ballot box(es),
- Remove the regular ballots, and
- Tabulate the vote.

S9-202: Verifying the Absentee Ballots

The Election Committee shall count the absentee ballots. Each outer envelope shall be opened, but the inner envelope shall remain unopened at that point. The Chairman shall then determine:

- Whether the person whose name is signed to the outer envelope and affidavit is a qualified voter,
- Whether the voter is on the absentee ballot list.

S9-203: Counting Ballots

The Election Committee shall count the absentee ballots.

S9-204: Observing Tally

At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each candidate may select a watcher, not a candidate, who shall not interfere with the tally process, but can observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots.

S9-205: Rejection Of Ballots

If, during the tallying of the votes, the members of the Election Committee are unable to determine from a ballot the choices of a voter, the ballot shall be rejected. A rejected ballot shall be marked "rejected" in ink. Each member of the Election Committee shall sign his names below this marking. Rejected ballots shall be kept together, and placed in the ballot box at the end of the tally.

S9-206: Certified Abstract

At the close of the tally, the Election Committee members shall:

- Open the ballot boxes and display the empty box to all persons present to insure that no ballots are contained therein,
- Determine the total vote cast including the absentee ballots for each candidate for each office,
- Write down these totals, together with the number of rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, unused ballots and total ballots printed,
- Sign the written totals as a certified abstract of the election results,

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- e. Read the certified abstract aloud to the public,
- f. Deliver copies of the certified abstract to:
 1. The Business Committee
 2. The Tribal Court Clerk, and
 3. The Election Committee files in the tribal Secretary's Office.

S9-207: Recounts

If the votes cast for two or more candidates (with the highest vote) is tied, or if the highest vote is larger than the next highest vote by less than 10% of the total vote cast for that office, the Election Committee shall recount the vote for that office on all the unmutated unrejected ballots, rejecting any from which it is unable to determine the choice of the voter. The recounts shall continue until two consecutive recounts agree, and a new abstract shall then be prepared and read aloud to the public.

S9-208: Request For Recount

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Committee Chairman, or his designated representative within two (2) working days after the election.

Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of \$250.00 and made payable to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Committee shall meet and decide within five (5) days of receipt of the notice whether or not such reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots. If no recount is made, the \$250.00 is refunded.

S9-209: Run-Off Elections

A candidate for membership on the Business Committee must receive a majority of the votes in order to be elected. If the abstract shows that the highest number of votes cast for any one candidate is less than a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held within sixty (60) days between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in the general election. In the event of a tie vote between the candidates with the second highest number votes cast, three names shall be on the run-off election ballot. The Election Committee shall supervise the run-off election using the same rules and procedures followed in the general election. As soon as some candidate has received a majority of votes in the run-off election, no further run-off elections will be held.

S9-210: Retention Of Ballots

Upon completion of the election and announcement of the certified abstract, the Election Committee shall lock all ballots and records in the ballot box and deposit the ballot box in the vault of the designated bank, post office, or other secure area as approved by the Election Committee, to be held for safekeeping until final certification of the election results and installation of all officers. Only the Chairman and Secretary of the Election Committee shall have access to these records. After installation of all officers, the Election Committee shall return all ballots and election records to the Tribal Secretary to be placed in permanent confidential tribal records for a period of five (5) years. The documents will not be available for public viewing in order to preserve the confidentiality of the persons voting in the election. From and after the date of final installation of all elected officials and after the five-year period is completed, the Tribal Secretary may remove the election ballots and records, except the final certification of successful candidates and destroy them. The final certification of election results entered by the Election Committee shall not be removed but shall be retained as a permanent public record.

S9-211: Election Certification

The Election Committee shall certify the election results for all uncontested offices immediately after the two (2) working day period for filing an election contest expires. If an election office is timely contested, then no certificate of election for contested office shall be issued until, if appropriate, after the election contest is finally decided.

S9-212: Finality

The Election Committee's certification of uncontested election results or the Election Committee's certification of the election results following an election contest provided for herein shall be final and unappealable.

ARTICLE X INSTALLMENT

S10-101: Installment

In order to provide for an orderly transition of power, all newly-elected officers shown on the certificate of election shall be installed immediately following the election.

S10-102: Effect Of Installment

Once an officer is installed, removal is only by impeachment, recall or some other procedure authorized by the tribal constitution or recount certification.

S10-103: Incumbents

Consistent with Article 12, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution, the term of an incumbent office holder shall not expire until installation of his successor.

ARTICLE XI ELECTION CONTESTS CHAPTER ONE ELECTION COMMITTEE REVIEW

S11-101: Who Can Contest

Only a candidate for the disputed office may contest the election results for that office.

S11-102: Grounds

Only two (2) grounds may be asserted for contesting an election. The grounds are that the Election Committee erroneously counted or failed to count ballots, which failures were of such a magnitude that:

- a. Either the contestant is entitled to be elected to the office, or
- b. It is impossible to determine with mathematical certainty which candidate is entitled to be elected to the office.

S11-103: When To Contest

Any candidate desiring to contest a tribal election for an office must do so within two (2) business days after announcement of the certified abstract of election results.

S11-104: How To Contest

A contest can only be initiated by:

- a. Timely filing with the Election Committee a verified statement setting forth the particular grounds for the contest, and
- b. Depositing \$250.00 in cash with the Election Committee to cover costs of the hearing (if the contest is successful, the cash deposit shall be refunded).

S11-105: Election Committee Hearing

The Election Committee shall set a hearing of the contest no later than five (5) days after the contest is filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office

contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Committee shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Election Committee Chairman in the tribal offices. Any party to the protest or a tribal member shall be entitled to copies of the ballots from the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of normal and customary charges. Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Committee in like manner as an original. Alternatively, the Election Committee, upon request of a party or on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse, Shawnee Indian Agency, for the purpose of reviewing the election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the Election Committee shall make factual findings and one of the following conclusions:

- a. That the contested election should be confirmed, or
- b. The contestant should be declared the winner of the election, or
- c. The contested election should be set aside and a new election held.

CHAPTER TWO APPEAL

S11-201: Appeal

Any proper party to an election contest aggrieved by the findings and decisions of the Election Committee may appeal to the Tribal Court.

S11-202: Time

An appeal must be filed within five (5) days of receipt of notification of the decision of the Election Committee.

S11-203: Parties

The Election Committee and the person whose election is challenged are indispensable parties to the appeal. Any other candidate for that office may intervene. The individual Election Committee members are not necessary or proper parties to such action. The tribal attorney shall represent the Election Committee.

S11-204: Relief

The Tribal Court whose decision is final may only:

- a. Confirm with Election Committee decision,
- b. Order a new election for the contested office, or
- c. Reverse the Election Committee decision and order the Election Committee to

certify the election of the contestant to the office.

S11-205: Standard

Neither the Election Committee nor the Tribal Court shall invalidate any certified abstract of election results and order a new election for an office unless clear and convincing evidence shows that the person receiving the most votes for the contested office as shown on the certified abstract cannot be mathematically determined to be the clear winner.

ARTICLE XII REFERENDUM

S12-101: General Council Resolutions

Because they relate to claims or rights growing out of treaties only, all General Council Resolutions shall be voted on in a referendum vote.

S12-102: Absentee Votes

All absentee votes shall be handled by the Committee in the same manner as that prescribed for casting tribal election ballots. All absentee ballots must be distributed at least twenty (20) days prior to any General Council Meeting and received by the Election Committee by 10:00 a.m. on the day of any General Council Meeting. These ballots will be received for counting and counted on the day of the General Council Meeting and the results certified to the Business Committee. The issues to be voted on must receive a majority vote for adoption. Results of the vote will be published in the tribal newspaper.

S12-103: Resolution Preparation

Preparation of Resolutions for referendum vote shall be by the Business Committee or by provisions provided for under Article X of the Tribal Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII SPECIAL ELECTIONS

S13-101: Election Board

When a special election is properly called, the Business Committee by resolution shall establish an independent election board to conduct the special election.

S13-102: Composition

The independent election board shall have the same composition as that of the Election Committee provided herein.

S13-103: Powers of the Election Board

The independent election board shall have the same powers and duties as set forth herein for the Election Committee and shall have such further powers as are necessary to carry out the duties imposed by the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws. Further, the independent election board will have the power to establish different time periods for filing, challenges, contests and appeals, but shall not have power to change the other substantive and procedural rules provided for herein including, by way of example only, the eligibility to vote and the eligibility and qualifications of a candidate.

ARTICLE XIV VIOLATIONS

S14-101: Misdemeanor

In addition to any other penalties (civil or criminal) provided by law, any person willfully violating the duties and obligations imposed by this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be punished up to the maximum allowed for misdemeanors.

S14-102: Venue and Jurisdiction

The venue and jurisdiction for all violations is exclusively in the Tribal Courts.

ARTICLE XV QUO WARRANTO

S15-101: What Is Quo Warranto

Quo warranto is the name of the writ by which title to an office is resolved. It is not a substitute for or an alternate to the election challenges or appeals provided herein before.

S15-102: Who May Seek

Only a person claiming a better right to the office may bring a quo warranto action.

S15-103: Who Is The Proper Party Defendant

The only proper party defendant is the person who holds title to the office.

Children's activities, dance competiton on Festival schedule

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"There were 34 descendants of Charles David Anderson and Herman Edward Anderson, Sr." at the reunion.

Kenneth Peltier, Sr. of Shawnee agreed with the Andersons. He wrote: "The family tents for reunions were great. I met some Peltiers from California, Arizona, Texas, and other places in Oklahoma - Peltiers I had never met. They saw the name on the tent and came in to get acquainted."

That sentiment has been repeated again and again, wherever Potawatomi have gathered since the curtain was rung down on the 1999 Festival.

The Potawatomi Festival is three days of fun and cultural enrichment, with the goal of developing a Citizen Potawatomi tradition. It also gives members a reason to visit the tribal reservation and see first-hand what the Nation has achieved for them.

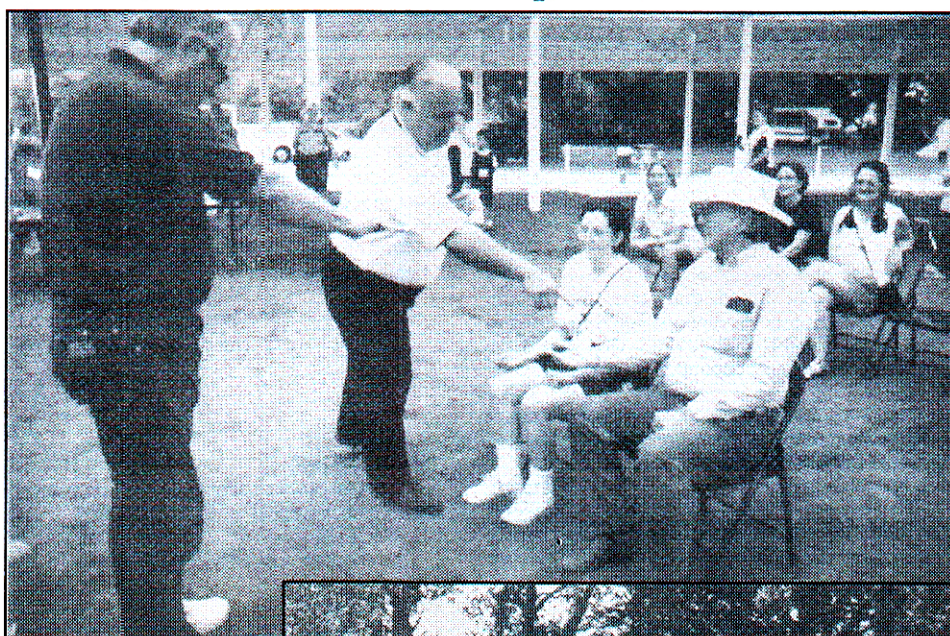
For 2000, festival organizers are adding archery, chess, and other contests to the already very busy agenda of competitions and activities.

"We hope Potawatomis are fine-tuning their frybread recipes, putting their 'Indian cars' in as good (or as bad) shape as possible, and polishing up their dance steps," Chairman Barrett said.

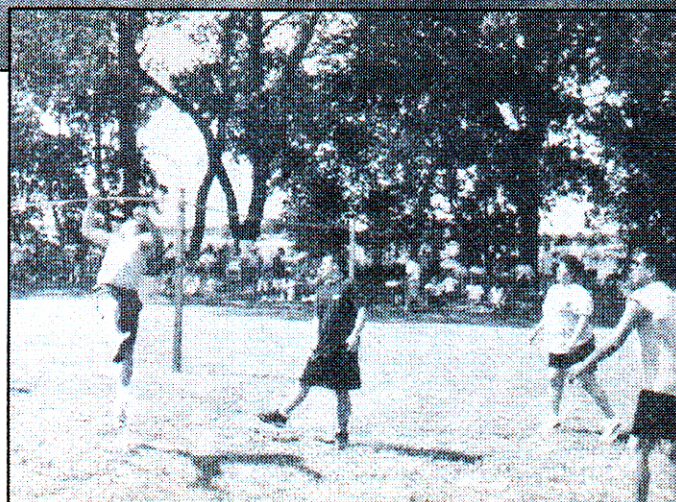
Among the events being readied are a frybread-cooking contest, an 'Indian car' contest, and an All-Potawatomi Indian Dance on Saturday. The Saturday dance will feature cash prizes for Potawatomi winners in two dance categories: Men's Straight Dance and Women's Cloth. Eight places will be awarded prizes because each category is for dancers of all ages.

The winner of the 1999-00 Potawatomi Nation Art Contest will be honored on Saturday afternoon.

More than \$20,000 in cash and merchandise prizes will be available to Potawatomis, their family members, and CPN employees who enter the many,



Chairman John Barrett (above, in white shirt) enjoyed the hand games at last year's Festival. Others preferred more physical competition, such as the volleyball match at right.



many competitions.

There will be: two golf tournaments (a Saturday morning scramble and night golf at 10:00 p.m. Saturday), bowling, horseshoes, softball and three-on-three basketball tournaments, and Women's Cloth and Men's Straight Dance Competition at the Pow Wow Dance. (The dance competition will be open only to tribal members.)

Friday night's highlight will be a Country-and-Western dance. It will

begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in a tent on the Festival grounds. The band will play until midnight or later, if participants want to continue dancing.

For Festival participants who do not want to enter a competition but would like to bowl, or shoot a round of golf, or play Bingo, those facilities will be available for use by tribal members at no charge during the weekend.

Young tribal members will not want for activities. The Nation's swimming

pool and playground, located at the tribal headquarters building, will be open and supervised for safety. Youngsters will have an opportunity to make arts and crafts items - and learn while they are having fun.

FireLake Bowling Center will have bumper bowling available for the younger children. Teens will enjoy the Bowling Center's 'Rock'n'Bowl' presentation Saturday evening.

Almost everyone's favorite activity, enjoying a well-prepared meal, will not be overlooked. The Nation will provide six meals at no charge to tribal members, their families, other Potawatomis, and tribal employees during the weekend. There will be one served on Friday three on Saturday, and two on Sunday.

"We are writing to inform all of you that we had a wonderful time at the Potawatomi Festival," the Wamego sisters said in a letter. "We always enjoy ourselves but, this year, it was even better. We loved everything. However, the things that stand out in our memory are the family tents with the cooling systems, maps, and enrollment books, the Hand Games, which were great fun (especially since we won!), and, the free food, ice cream, water, and giveaway items."

Kenneth Peltier, Sr. also commented on the enjoyment he saw other Potawatomis experiencing. "I was impressed with all of the different activities and contests to entertain and teach all of us Potawatomi members," he said. "There was something for every one of us - young and old. It was fun to sit back and observe so many people having such a great time."

Potawatomi tribal leaders extend a most cordial invitation for all Potawatomis (Citizen Nation and otherwise) and their families to make their way to Shawnee, Oklahoma for June's final weekend and a great time leavened heavily with spiritual renewal

Tribe prepares for 2000 election

The Citizen Potawatomi nation is preparing for Y2K elections. The filing period is Monday, March 27 through Wednesday, March 29, for one Business Committee position and one Grievance Committee position.

The Business Committee position is held by Jerry Paul Motley of Tecumseh, who is seeking his third term. Committee-man Motley has announced as a candidate for re-election.

The CPN Election Ordinance requires that candidates file by means of an affidavit that "contains sufficient information for the Election Committee to determine that the candidate is eligible to file and is seeking a particular office."

A guide for preparing the affidavit is contained in Appendix Form 2 of the Election Ordinance. It is available from the Tribal rolls Office. The Election Ordinance itself is printed in its entirety in this edition of the *HowNiKan*.

To be eligible to seek Citizen Potawatomi Nation elective office, a can-

didate must: be 21 years old or older; be a member of the tribe; live within Pottawatomie, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, or Okfuskee County in Oklahoma; never have been convicted of a felony; never been found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the tribe; and, never have been impeached or recalled by the tribe.

In addition, each Business Committee candidate "shall state that he or she will submit a completed personal information form to the Comptroller of the Currency, as required under the Standard Change of Control application form for National Banks no later than seven (7) days after elections are held, if elected."

Candidates must pay a \$150.00 filing fee, which will be refunded if the candidate withdraws or is declared ineligible.

Every tribal member who is 18 or older is eligible to vote in Citizen Potawatomi Nation elections. All eligible voters are entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Requests to vote by absentee ballot must be presented to the Election Committee no later than 20 days prior to the election - June 5, 2000 for this year's election.

To vote by absentee ballot, a tribal member must "mark his ballot, seal it in an inner envelope, and see that the absentee ballot is timely delivered."

When the absentee ballot is mailed back to the Election Committee, "only the outer envelope should have the voter's name, return address, roll number, and legal signature written upon it."

To be counted, absentee ballots must arrive at the election Committee's post office box "not later than 10:00 a.m. of the last Saturday in June" - June 24 for this year's election.

The polls will be open for in-person voting from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2000. Any voter who is in line at 2:00 p.m. but who has not been able to cast a ballot by that time will be allowed to vote.

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 24, 2000. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from

7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 2000. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request. A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of tribal officials, will be on the ballot. Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

